can Manufacturers.

DEAR SIE: We, the undersigned Iron Merchants

DEBON. CLARE & BRIDGES, DABNET. MORGAN & Co., M. K. JESUP & Co., H. & J. MAKIN. PERKINS, LIVINGSTON & POST. G. T. M. DAVIS.

To Maste J. Bookman Johnston & Co., Derion, Clark & Bridges, M. K. Jesup & Co., Perkins,

GENTLEMEN: I am accidentally in receipt of stial circular, dated March 19, 1866, and of the Iron trade "of our own country" which you so

This is certainly surprising-if true

ation) gives £7 as the lowest prices of Welsh in New-York \$59 50, yet at this date they could high is below average cost, and we have \$20 to the first cost, which makes up the \$35. The is that portion of the incidental charges on upon being so profitably employed. If attolate you upon being so profitably employed.

thout investment of capital or incurring risk you are
aking 8 or 10 per cent on the "foreign trade in Railad Iron," I can easily understand why you fear the
mappetition of the American manufacturers, and in
held from subsequent rolls.

These rous are preparate in a manufacturers of the missing thus acquired she publishes in these rolls.

As fast as fully accounted for, their names are with
held from subsequent rolls.

The following rules should be strictly observed: or effort to influence " Representatives in Congress" sts as for the "entire Railroad. Commercial and Agricultural interests of the country."

You say it strikes you that this discrimination of 70 You cannot fail to know that the direct and indirect tax paid by the domestic manufacturer, about equals mi er cent is thus nullified. Then, as to freights. he same point from milts located in the coal and iron stricts of Pennsylvania. The Welsh iron-master can liver his iron in Charleston, New-Orleans, and almost thern port, at less cost of freight than the enormous commissions or profits, which you may upon patriotic grounds, as a robbery of the astify upon patriotic grounds, as a robbery of the Egyptians—doubtless for the benefit of that portion of the trade in railroad iron of our own country" which you represent, and which will be greatly increased by the publication of your circular.

Y. Miss Barton is a wonator character, which heart and nobler intellect, in whom the friends ing solders may place implicit faith. She is mastic enthusiast nor visionary adventures such as the publication of your circular.

Indeed, she seems to have been raised up by Proposition of the wonator character. the publication of your circular.

You seem to fear that an advance in the price of rails

CAN CONGRESS BE BRIBED ! conflict with those of one of the accredited organs or your employers. You say the duty on rails is already excessive-that it is enough to secure the America manufacturer a profit—that an attempt to increase the Importers of British Iron Against Ameri- price of rails by Congressional legislation is being made aided by a political money influence, so powerful as to warrant a fair chance of success." You said this on the 19th of March, 1866. I quote from the circular notes of Charles Ryland & Sons' Trade Circular of

March 17, 1866, as follows:

Hoping that your confidential correspondents, in endeavoring to give their Representatives in Congress , so powerful as to warrant a "full information on this subject," will furnish them a ma explication in our ears and also hoping that the "foreign Iron trade" will be as much pleased as that of our own country with your "confidential" effort

AN AMERICAN IRON-MASTER.

Miss Clara Barton and Her Work.

The truly great work of this estimable

As an officer of the army, it was my duty to keep erfect records of all under my command. There was, elso, a sucred obligation to their friends to be able to

is often impossible to account for the absent and missing. This is unavoidable on raids, forced marches. attended or unattended, by skirmishing, while the tide wounded upon the field. Many are believed to have express my gratitude in behalf of that portion | died in Southern dwellings, and been buried in their inclosures, and many, I know, by the roadside.

> personal or official information, or which is inrolved in doubt and uncertainty, and it is right here the secords cease, and the work of Miss Region had a

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a English Iron Trade Circular of March 17,

two days earlier than your Confidential Comon) gives £7 as the lowest prices of Weish
Works, equivalent to \$35. Seventy per cent
would be \$24 50, which would make Rails

The following rules should be strictly observed:

"Examine the Rolls carefully, and if you know what be insured for \$40,500 in the following companies: the same to Mass Earton, by letter, as possible, with your address in full. If any one sees commance or that of a contrate whom he knows to be for insured for \$40,000. Hope, \$2,000. Hope, \$2,000. Hope, \$2,000. Hope, \$3,000. Hope

EXTENSIVE CONFLAGRATIONS.

Several Buildings in Broadway, Barclay and Pulton-sts. with their Cortents Consumed.

LOSS OVER \$800,000.

List of Most of the Losses and Insurances.

SUPPOSED LOSS OF LIFE.

Shortly after 4 o'clock on yesterday morning, smoke was discovered issuing from the basement of the large five-story, brown-stone front building No. 231 rant and dwelling. Before the fire was discovered the building was filled with blinding smoke, and it was with the greatest dtd oulty that the frightened inmates succeeded in making their escape, many of them in their night olothes. One of the servants, an Irish girl, whose Fire-Marshal Baker. name has not yet been ascertained, is missing, and it is feared that she became bewildered in the smoke and darkness and was unable to make her escape.

The alarm was promptly given, and the Fire Department were soon upon the ground with their powerful steamers, but the fiames had attained such headway whole of the block extending from the rear of the above building was burnt out. The buildings were known as Nos. 229, 230 and 231 Broadway, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3

While the firemen were busily engaged at the above fire another broke out about 5 o'clock in the boot and shoe store No. 150 Fulton st., occupied by George C. of battle frequently so turns that the necessities of a comparatively short space of time that and the adjoining buildings, Nos. 148 and 146 Fulton-st, were wrapped painful, compel the abandonment of the killed and in flames, and defied the utmost efforts of the firemen to extinguish them. Chief Engineer Kingsland, who was on the ground.

and bearing of the second fire, at once telegraphed for additional help, and the steamers from the adjoining dis-

R. Henjamin, trusses, occupied Loss \$5,000; insured for \$1,000

No. 144 is occupied as a dining-room and hotel, by Thomas Jones, and is known as the Clarement House. Loss by fire and water, about \$3,000; insured. No. 152 is occupied by David Close, dealer in cloth-ing. Loss on stock by water, about \$10,000; insured.

Homes 5,000 Mercantile 5,000

The building, which is owned by J. M. Thorburn, was insured for 88,000 in the North River and \$7,000 in the Howard Companias.

The origin of the fires is under investigation by

THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Trouble with the Street-Cleaning Contractors-Report from President Schultze-The Rights of the Contract-York Hospital Infected - Important therest.

the future all misapprehension. It is as follows: The foreman of the sweepers of each Ward is to report faily at the station-houses; a Sorgeant, or other proper serson will be detailed to inspect at once such work as hay have been done during the procedure for the property of the procedure of t

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No. 202—First floor was occupied by Knapp & Suiffen, dealers in clothing. The larger portion of their stock was removed. Loss about \$10,000. Insured.
The second floor was occupied by Hnapp dealer in furs. A portion of his stock was removed. The third floor was occupied by John B. Behrman, idealer in precions stones. Total loss on stock. The basement was occupied by Mr. Sherman, manufacture of corsets and hoop skirts. Total loss on stock. The basement was occupied by Angelo Hellman, dealer in wines, Loss, \$10,000. Insured for \$22,000.

No. 202 is owned by Mr. Cleveland, and is damaged to the amount of \$30,000. Insured for \$48,000. Messurs Purcell & Co., real estate agents, who have an office on the second floor, are damaged by water to the amount of \$30,000. Insured for \$48,000.

No. 202 is owned by Mr. J. H. Wittham, and is damaged to the amount of \$30,000. Insured for \$48,000.

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No. 15 John-st. is occupied by John Sattig, dealer in wines and liquors. Loss, \$3,000. Insured for \$30,000.

Messurs Purcell & Co., real estate agents, who have an office on the second floor, are damaged by water to the amount of \$250. No insurance. The basement is occupied by John Sattig, dealer in wines and liquors. Loss, \$3,000. Insured for \$30,000.

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In a letter to the Board of Health, Sanitory Euperin-tendent Dalton calls the attention of that body to the habit of nsing garbage and street-sweepings for filling aunken lots, thus establishing in the very foundations of dwellings a permanent source of ill-health in the presence of patrefactive material, both aurinal and the sidewalk, into the streets, the flow being frequently, and sometimes permanently, obstructed by accumulations or defect in the grade; to the prevalence in tenement-houser of staguant water in cellars, not infrequently rendered more deleterious by admixtures of fluids from badly constructed privics. The letter was flief, and the accompanying reports referred to the attorner, to have the proper orders made out and presented to the Beard.

Mr. Dorman B. Eston celled up the subject of the stands surrounding Washington Market, and upon his request the following was passed:

Recoted, That the several orders of the Board relative to

ors—Washington Market Proceedings
Annulled—The Drainage of Tenauts
Houses—The New-York Oil Works—
Brooklyn Sewers and Harlem Streets—
An Appeal from the Grave—The New-York Hospital Infected — Important

York Hospital Infected — Important
their respective sidewalks, and relative to the sanitary offset of allowing said stalls to remain, and business to be conducted therest.

Proceedings.

The Metropolitan Board of Health metropolitan Board of Street Commissioners, and all the members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

THE STREET-CLEANING CONFRACTORS.

The following is the report of President Schultze on the following is the report of President Schultze on the same subject made by Inspector Jones of the Fifth District was also read. The building is alimated in East Nineteenth st., between Avenue A and First ave., and is owned by a joint stock company, who have invested \$100,000 in the business. He same up under such circumstances, and with the result hereinafter set forth.

On behalf of the Board of Health L presented the report from the various Police Precincts, showing that very large number of streets had not been cleaned during the week previour, as required by the contract, also the report from the same source for the preceding week showing like delimentary.

In addition, I presented a large number of streets, in other locality unless the noxious emanation can be controlled, consumed or chemically neutralized on the spot.

The subject was referred to the attorney.

THE BEOORLYN SEWERS.

with the sewers, and have insisted on the construction of water-closets, whenever such permits have been asked for. The Board has likewhe found that when the "hopper-closet" has been put in tenant houses, the willful recklessness of tenants has led to the choking up of the same. Some time since the Board allowed such houses as had not the facilities for water-closets, to construct water-tight vaults; but such permits have been discontinued until the sanction of the Board of Health could be had. He says the adoption of the plan would cause the abandonment of the old privies by most persons, whose means or want of space will not admit of placing water-closets in their houses, and ands: "By procuring the action of the Health Commission on this matter, you will much oblige the Sewer Board." Referred to the Sanitary Superintendent.

THE STEETS IN HARLEM.

no pay the bills of the Conhis month, notwichstanding is stice to those gentlemen I aome of the reasons that some of the reasons that to will be winter and Spring just to for a proper cleaning of clears have worked diligently of clears have worked diligently of clears from the same, and on the same is still be supposed to the same in the same is supposed to the same

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AN APPEAL PROM THE GRAVE.

Dr. Harris, the Registrar of Records, in a letter which was read to the Board, says: "Zymotic and foul-air diseases continue to kill a large percentage of those who fall by sekraess, while the deaths by accident continue to demand the attention of the health authorities. In reference to this whole class of preventable deaths it is a noticeable fact that in our city there are some kinds of homicides of which coroners and courts take no cognizance, and which appeal from the grave to the Board of Health. The tables submitted the past few weeks, to exhibit the distribution of these preventable deaths by Wards together, with the classified record of fatal violences and accidents, are worthy of your attentive inquiry. The total number of these deaths in the month of March, was 52. The total deaths from zymotic diseases alone, during the month, was nearly 350. Comment upon these records is unnecessary."

Upon motion of Dr. Crane, the following were adopted:

Resolved. That Francis Swift is hereby authorized to set as a convenger in the City of Brooklyn, and as such to remove the contents of since privise and vanits in said city during the pleasure of this Board.

Resolved. That the Counsel of this Board ascertain from Index Lott the situation of the proceedings pending before him relative to the scavenger of Brooklyn, and what can be done to facilitate the hearing of the same if found to be of such a nature to emberrass the setting of this Board or to delay the cleaning of privies and vanits in eath city.

THE NEW YARK HOSPITAL.

Martha Kearns, residing at No. 216 Seventh-are, while laboring under temporary insanity, cut her threat with a razor, inflicting a severe and dangerous wound. She was conveyed to the Jows' Hospital by Officer Foley of the Sixteenth Precinct.

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corner of Tenth st. Every morning and afternous. Few collection of War Views and Historic Portraits.

CITY NEWS

AT STAPLETON, S. I .- The new German Evangelist . Cutheran Church, corner Motmond-road and Beach-et., Stapleton, Staten Island, will be dedicated Sunday, Apri.

OUGHT THE PRESIDENT TO BE IMPRACHED? R. H. Chittenden, esq., will discuss, the above question at the Brooklyn Athenseum, Saturday e, vening, April 7,

ARREST OF PICKPOCKETS .- While James Muldany of No. 127 West Twenty-third-st. was standing in Union-square, on Thursday afternoon, during the Workingmen's Meeting at that place, James Taylor attempted to steal from his pocket a wallet. He seized the thief, and at once handed him over to Officer seized the thief, and at once handed him over to Offices the the Sanitary Superintendent with a view to set to be made by the Sanitary Inspectors, to be used from a shall be best adapted to the intelligent this Beard thereon and the proper form of the recent seedings, and that suitable blanks be prep vied. Humphrey of No. 120 Dunne at., while looking at a pre-ession of workingmen in Fourthave, near Twenty-second-st., on Thursday, had his watch-chain broken am who was that outside the attention of that body to the sing garbage and street-sweepings for filling tots, thus establishing in the very foundations are seeded his watch, valued at \$200, and fied with it down the avenue, pursued by Mr. H. After a long total the attention of that body to the same of the very foundations of the control of the con

> Assaulted and Robbed .- Late on Thursday night, while John Rodgers, residing in Forty-first-st. between Tenth and Eieventh-aves., was on his way home, and when sear his residence, he was assaulted home, and when sear his residence, he was assentioned by Constantine MePaland, knocked down, kicked and robbed of a wallet, containing \$7. A daughter of Mr. R. witnessed the assault, and running down the street, procured the assistance of Officer Bloomer of the Twentieth Precinct, by whom the ruffian was arrested. Yesterday Justice Dodge committed the prisoner for trial without ball. He is a native of Ireland, aged 21 years, and resides in Forty-third-st.

> United States Commissioner's Office, before Commis sioner Betts, yesterday, in the case of The United States agt. Thomas Clarke, the defendant was charged with the death of — Pryster, a Chinaman, by kicking him from the yardarm of the ship Victory, while on a voyage from Liverpool to this port. The examination in the case took place yesterday, but owing to the absence of some of the parties on whose addarts the accused was arrested, ovidence was taken for the defense, by which it was attempted to be shown, that the deceased fell from the yardarm of the ship, instead of being kicked from it. The Commissioner than edjourned the oase to Monday next.

> DANGEROUSLY STABBED. -On Thursday night Thomas Donnelly, of No. 18 Trinity-place, went to the residence of John Reed, No. 16 Thames-st., and commenced abusing Reed's wife. Reed interfere d to premenced abusing Reed's wife. Reed interfered to pre-tect his wife, when Donnelly assaulted him. Reed then stabbed his opponent in the side with a knife, in-flicting a dangerous wound. The injured man was taken to Bellevus Hospital. Reed was arm sted by Officer Dondican of the Twenty-seventh Preca oct, and yesterday committed by Justice Hogan for a xamina-tion. He claims to have acted in self-defense.

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS .-Officers Whitman and Oates of the Tweaty-Secon d Preeinet on Thursday night found in the resides see of Nicholas Holden, in Eighth-ave, near Fifty-fifth, st., 15 blankets and 3 lap robes, which are believed to have been stolen. The property was taken to the St ation House in Forty-seventh-at, near Eighth-ave, where it awaits identification. The prisoner will be held for examination by Justice Connolly.

United States against the steamer Meteor, &c., was continued yesterday before Judge Betts, and the agreement entered into between McKenna and Palmer for two torpedo boats and ten torpedoes at \$25,000, to be delivered in some Chilian port, was introduced in evi-dence. Mr. Leonard W. Jerome not having attended, the Court issued an attachment against him, and ad-journed to 11 a. m. on Saturday.

A New READING-ROOM. - A free reading-room is to be opened on Monday evening next, at No. 76 Variek-st., near Canal, at which Mayor Hoffman, the Rev. Joseph T. Duryes and others are announced to deliver addresses. The Young Men's Christian Asso-ciation of this city have inaugurated this new move-ment for the benefit of young men in the locality indicated.

116 Cedar-st., and Henry McGonigal, quarreled yesterony, and McGonigal fired at his opponent, the ball fortunately missing its aim. The assailant was arrested by Officer Martin of the Fourth Precinct, and Justice Hogan held him to bail in the sum of \$1,000 to answer the charge of felonious assault.

FELL FROM A WINDOW.-Mrs. Margaret The following resolution was adopted on motion of Commissioner Actor:

Newled, That the Secretary cause notice to be published on that owners of ships and vessels are not required by law to that owners of ships and vessels are not required by law to any inspector of vessels or any person claiming to be such officer for any inspection of cargo or for purifying to be such officer for any inspector having been appointed by this property of the bannisters, and so badly injured that she died two hours after. Coroner Gamble was notified to hald an increase. inquest.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE .- On Thursday night Martha Kearns, residing at No. 216 Seventh-are, while

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Spring has come, and the most wholesome beverage for family use at this time is Kenyle V are fine Corpus. For sale by all grocers at 25 cents per paund. Wholesale Depot, No. 154 Reade-st.

The Indian Agency Libel Suit.

The case of De Puy agt. Hurford was centifined in the Supreme Court, before Justice Mason yesterday. A motion for a nonsuit on the ground; of the privileged character of the letters having been denied, the Court decided that it would hear further evidence going to show malice, if the plaints fde-